Work Establishment in the Public Works Department.

208. **MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*): (1) Are the Government aware that the Work Establishment staff in the Public Works Department is entrusted with very responsible work ?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there are employés in this establishment who have put in 25 and 30 years of service;

(*b*) whether the maistries in the Work Establishment enjoy the same privileges in respect of leave and pension as other subordinates in the permanent staff;

(*c*) whether they have received representations from the employés in the Work Establishment praying for the improvement of their prospects, and, if so, whether any action has been taken thereon ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that a deputation from the Work Establishment Association waited on the Chief Engineer more than once and represented to him the disabilities which the establishment suffers from as regards leave and pension, and, if so, whether the Chief Engineer has made any recommendation to the Government;

(*e*) whether the Chief Engineer is aware that his subordinates are appointing Work Establishment hands indiscriminately without regard to the funds available for the year; and

(*f*) whether it is a fact that in the middle of the year several serviceable hands have been dispensed with for want of funds ?

(3) Are the Government aware that the Work Establishment staff has been made permanent in the sister State of Cochin ?

(4) Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the allotment out of which these employés are paid ;

(*b*) whether there are any rules for the admission, etc., of employés in this establishment; and

(*c*) whether the Government will consider the question of making these employés, or at least a certain number of them, permanent at an early date ?

(5) Will the Government be pleased to grant these employés all the ordinary privileges, such as leave, at an early date ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : In regard to parts 1, 2 (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*), 3, 4 (*c*) and 5, the member is referred to the answer to interpellation* on the same subject given at the meeting of the Council held on the 11th August 1926.

2 (*e*) The answer is in the negative.

(*f*) In disbanding the Work Establishment staff for want of funds, care is taken to see that only those who are less useful are thrown out.

4 (*a*) Out of the provision in the work estimates for petty supervision.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

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* *Vide* Annexure, page

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Appendix VII.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 206.**

Names of teachers appointed in the Graduate Training vacancies during the year 1925-26.

1. Mr. N. Bhaskara Aiyar B. A.
2. ,, E. Ekambara Nadar B. A.
3. ,, W. V. Abraham B. A.
4. ,, P. V. Rama Aiyar B. A. (Hons.)
5. ,, P. C. Varghese B. A.
6. ,, G. Itty Panikkar B. A.
7. ,, G. Ramanatha Aiyar B. A.
8. ,, K. J. Leenose B. A.
9. ,, K. G. Chacko B. A.
10. ,, K. Narayana Aiyar B. A.
11. ,, S. Narayana Aiyar B. A.
12. ,, C. K. Koshy B. A.
13. ,, A. K. Damodaran Pillai B. A.
14. ,, S. Rama Aiyar B. A.
15. ,, N. Padmanabha Aiyar B. A.
16. ,, A. Paramesvaran Pillai B. A.
17. ,, K. Govindan Nair B. A.

ANNEXURE.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 208.**

The following question and answer have not been incorporated in the proceedings of the 11th August 1926, as the interpellator was absent at question time:—

P. W. D. Work Establishment.

126 [258]. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Work Establishment staff of the Public Works Department forms an important part of the whole department;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that there are employés in the department who have put in 20, and more than 20, years of service;

(*c*) whether they have received any representation from the employés praying for the improvement of the conditions under which they work at present, and, if so, whether any action has been taken thereon;

(*d*) whether the employés are allowed equal privileges as regards leave, pension, etc., with the other subordinate severants of the department;

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